by the terrorits in Punjab during the last three months; and

(b) what precautionary measures have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to information available five such persons had been killed by the terrorists during the relevant period. The Government of Punjab have made arrangements for the protections of Proprietors, reporters and agents of news papers who have received threats to their security.

Terrorist Activities in Punjab and Delhi

228. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY :
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mrked increase in the terrorist activites in Punjab and the Union Territory of Delhi during the recent months; if so, the details thereof:

(b) what is the total number of persons killed by the extremists during the last one yer in Punjab and the Union Territory of Delhi and also the number of extremists killed and captured during this period;

(c) what measures Government have taken or propose to take to curb such activities in Punjab and Delhi: and

(d) whether any compensation has been paid by Government to the families of the victims ad if so, what are the detals thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to information available during the 12 months ending June, 1989, 1247 persons were killed by the extremists in Punjab. During the same period 527 extremits were killed and 3516 others were arrested in Punjab. Information in this regard relating to UT of Delhi is being collected.

(c) The security forces are vigilant and are taking all possible steps to meet the threat posed by the terrorists.

(d) The Government of Punjab have informed that an *ex-gratia* payment of Rs. 20,000/- is paid to the next of kins of those killed, and Rs. 5,000/- is paid to those injured due to terrorist violence. Besides, widows of civilians killed by terrorists, who have no house or able bodied member to support them, are entitled for allotment of a LIG nouse free of cost or plots of land measuring 200 square yards. Bank loans up to Rs. 20,000- along with subsidy ranging from 25 to 50% with security or margin money, pension at the rate of Rs. 250/- per

month for a period of three years, *ex-gratia* payment/grant of Rs. 5,000/ on the occasion of marriage of daughter free education of children in State Government or added institutions and grant of employment on priority basis are given.

According to Delhi Administration compensation is the case of death is paid to the next of kin of the deceased at the rate of Rs. 20,000/- and a grant at the rate of Rs. 5,000/- is paid to those injured due to terrorist activities.

Sericultural Development

229. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) where it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to give priority to sericulture development different parts of the country;

(b) whether any target in this respect has been fixed for the current year if so. the details thereof ;

(c) what is the additional employment likely to be generated thefeby during the remaining part of Seventh Plan period;

(d) what will be the contribution of Central Silk Board towards financial and other help to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this regard; and

(e) how much amount has so far been received bythe cconcerned States and the total area to be covered for Sericultural development ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A National Sericulture Project has already been launched in the current financial year, for development of sericulture in different parts of the country. A silk production target of 11,160 tonnes has been fixed for the current financial year.

(c) An additonal employment of 2.65 lakh perosns is likely to be generated during the reamining part of the Seventh Plan period.

(d) and (e) The Central Silk Board supplements the efforts of the State Governments for development of the sericulture industry by implementation of the following schemes/ programme.

(i) Supply of highyielding varieties of mulberry cuttuings at subsidised rate ;

(ii) Supply of quality silkworm seeds to sericulturists through a network of Seed Production Centres in the country ;

(iii) Providing R. & D. and Extension Support through a network of Research and Extension units; and

(iv) Organising training Proggrames and conducting study tours for sericulturists.

The plan outlay of Central Silk is Rs. 30 crore. An additional area of 0.37 lakh heoteres is expected to be covered under mulberry sericulture during the current financial year.

Cracks in Hirakud Dam

230. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 78 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th. April, 1989 and state:

(a) whether any Expert Committee was constituted to assess the cracks on the right spillway of Hirakud Dam in Orissa;

(b) if so, what was the recommendation of the said Committee